Loans provided by World Bank and ADB and PMGSY

1513. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approached the Asian Development Bank and World Bank for loans to Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of loan offered by each of these banks; and

(d) whether any of the account is proposed to be earmarked for development of rural roads in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have agreed, in principle, to extend loan for the Pradhan Mantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY). Discussions are continuing with them regarding the terms and conditions, the nature and the size of the loans.The States proposed to be covered by the ADB are Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh while Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Himachal Pradesh are likely to be covered by the World Bank.

Digitalisation of Coastal Maps

1514. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has represented for more pilot projects for digitalization of Coastal Maps pending finalization of the report of the committee; and

(b) if so, whether the request has been considered and approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes Sir, The Government of Gujarat had requested for preparation of hydrogeomorphological maps of Gujarat.